

SENATE BILL 1684
By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to raising funds during the time the general assembly is in session.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), from the convening of the general assembly in organizational session through the earlier of the last day of regular session or June 1 in odd years, and from the convening of the general assembly in regular session to the earlier of May 15 or the conclusion of the annual session in even years, no member of the general assembly or a member's campaign committee shall conduct a fundraiser or solicit or accept contributions for the benefit of the caucus, any caucus member or member or candidate of the general assembly or governor.

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(A) From the convening of the general assembly in organizational session through the earlier of the last day of regular session or June 1 in

odd years, and from the convening of the general assembly in regular session to the earlier of May 15 or the conclusion of the annual session in even years, a member of the general assembly or such member's campaign committee shall be permitted to conduct fundraising events and to solicit or accept contributions for such events only from individual contributors in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per individual contributor for the benefit of any campaign of such member of the general assembly. Provided that during such period no individual shall make contributions to a member of the general assembly which, in the aggregate, exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100). Such fundraising events may be held only in the county, or counties in the case of multi-county districts, represented by the member of the general assembly or a county contiguous to such county or counties and solicitations and acceptance of contributions for such purposes may only be made in such counties from individuals residing in such counties; provided that such fundraising events shall not be held, nor contributions be accepted, on state property. It shall be unlawful for any such member or committee to solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any actual or in-kind contribution during such period from a lobbyist, employer of a lobbyist or political action committee. It shall be unlawful for any lobbyist, employer of a lobbyist or political action committee to make any contribution to such member during such period.

(B) A member of the general assembly shall not conduct or participate in any fund raising activity during such period for the purposes described in subdivision (A) other than in the manner and for such purposes described herein.

(3) All contributions raised at a fundraising event authorized and held in accordance with subdivision (2), shall be reported on a form prescribed and provided by the registry of election finance for such purposes. Such form shall be filed with and attached to the applicable campaign finance disclosure report.

The following disclosures shall be made on such form:

(A) The amount of contributions collected for such fundraising event;

(B) The approximate number of persons attending and/or making contributions for such fundraising event; and

(C) The date and place such fundraising event was held.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.